# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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Online Procurement
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for setting up of an online procurement platform via Food Corporation of India (FCI);
(b) if so, the details and the objectives of the proposal/plan;
(c) the extent to which this will be helpful to the farmers and also in eliminating the middle men and hoarders in the procurement process;
(d) whether the Government is aware of the large scale corruption in FCI; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is developing a system for online procurement of foodgrains.
The system will enable registration of farmers with their details like land, mobile number, bank account number and address. The system will issue messages to farmers on their mobile numbers indicating the nearest procurement centre and scheduled date and time for bringing their produce. The system will also enable direct transfer of payment to the bank account of farmers. The objective is to bring in transparency in the system and convenience for the farmers.
(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. There are twenty three cases of corruption (bribery) detected/reported during the last three years in various offices of FCI. The details of such cases and action taken are at Annexure.
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